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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2995

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, SU  
SUBJ: SALE OF FIELD ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT TO SUDAN

REF: STATE 169148

1. LTG HASHIM, COS SUDANESE ARMED FORCES, HAS BEEN BRIEFED CONCERNING PURCHASE OF FIELD ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT. HE STATED THAT GOS MUST USE PEACE PILLAR MONEY TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND THAT, TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, THE GOS HAS A \$7.1 MILLION EXCESS IN THE PEACE PILLAR CONTRACT DUE TO ITEMS WHICH THEY HAD ELIMINATED FROM THE BASIC CONTRACT. HE COULD NOT BE DISSUADED FROM THIS POSITION EVEN THOUGH HE WAS INFORMED THAT SURPLUS FUNDS CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS TIME.

2. BASED ON GOS POSITION HE WAS INFORMED THAT A FORMAL LETTER OF AGREEMENT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM SAG FOR ANY FUNDS TRANSFER. FURTHER, BG TAWFIQ KHALIL, CO OF ENGINEER CORPS, WILL BE IN CONUS 21 JUL TO 4 AUG AS AN ORIENTATION TOUR  
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GROUP LEADER. THE COS HAS AGREED TO ALLOW BG TAWFIQ KHALIL TO SPEND THREE ADDITIONAL DAYS IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS EQUIPMENT AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS. IF THIS IS AGREEABLE TO USASAC, WE SHALL ARRANGE TO HAVE THE BRIGADIER HAND CARRY FORMAL REQUEST FOR IOA.

3. REQUEST YOUR REPLY SOONEST SO THAT CHIEF OF ENGINEERS MAY

MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH HIS ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT BY AMBASSADOR: I SHARE  
DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS THAT PEACE PILLAR FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE  
TAMPERED WITH UNTIL PROGRAM IS FARTHER ALONG. IN MY ONGOING  
CONTACTS WITH SUDANESE MILITARY, I WILL CONTINUE TO STRESS  
THIS POINT. ON THE OTHER HAND, AS IS BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY,  
SAUDIS ARE APPARENTLY MAKING SUBSTANTIAL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS  
ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO SUDAN. MOREOVER, INAUGURATION OF  
F-5 TRANSACTION WILL REQUIRE THE SUDANESE TO REQUEST THE  
SAUDIS FOR A WHOPPING \$200 MILLION DOLLAR COMMITMENT. THIS  
MAY WELL EXPLAIN SUDANESE RELUCTANCE TO ASK FOR MORE.  
I STRONGLY HOPE THAT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH  
BRIGADIER KHALIL CAN TAKE PLACE. THIS WILL GIVE US SOME  
KIND OF A HANDLE ON THE SCOPE AND AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL  
SUDANESE REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT.  
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